infrastructure in all village and block panchayats and for conducting sports competitions at blocks, districts, States and national level of the country. The Eleventh Five Year Plan outlay for this scheme is Rs.1500 crore. The scheme envisage to cover around 2.50 lakh village panchayats and 6,400 block panchayats (including their equivalent units) in a phased manner over a period of 10 years at an annual coverage of 10% (and the coverage will be 20% in the case of special category States including North Eastern States). The scheme is implemented through the State Governments/UTs. administrations. An amount of Rs.8.89 crore was sanctioned to Uttarakhand State for creating basic sports infrastructure in 750 village panchayats and 10 block panchayats during 2008-09. Out of the sanctioned amount, Rs.4.45 crore had been released towards first installment. School's playgrounds are mostly identified for PYKKA centres. Further, for conducting competition in 95 blocks and 13 districts during 2009-10, an amount of Rs.1.03 crore, out of admissible grant of Rs.1.38 crore, has so far been released to Uttarakhand State.

Developing sports villages in rural areas

2454. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to develop sports villages especially in rural areas;

(b) if so, the complete details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when such a proposal will come into effect in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) to (c) Government of India introduced a centrally sponsored scheme entitled 'Panchayat Yuva Krida Khel Abhiyan', in 2008-09, for creation of basic sports infrastructure in all village and block panchayats and for conducting sports competitions at blocks, districts, States and national level of the country. The Eleventh Five Year Plan outlay for this scheme is Rs.1500 crore. The scheme envisage to cover around 2.50 lakh village panchayats and 6,400 block panchayats (including their equivalent units) in a phased manner over a period of 10 years at an annual coverage of 10% (and the coverage will be 20% in the case of special category States including North Eastern States). The scheme is implemented through the State Governments/UTs. administrations. An amount of Rs.25.98 crore was, so, far, sanctioned/released to Government of Andhra Pradesh during 2008-09 and 2009-10 for creating basic sports infrastructure in 2190 village panchayats and 113 block panchayats there. Further, for conducting competition in 296 blocks and 22 districts and for State level competition during 2009-10, admissible grant to the State is Rs.3.55 crore against which Rs.0.95 crore has already been released.

Physical education as a subject in schools

2455. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state: